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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: ^{x W.C.} Nomination of Mason Sears as
United States Representative on
the United Nations Trusteeship
Council. #

There is transmitted for your approval the nomination of Mason Sears, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America on the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, which position has been vacant since the resignation of Francis Bowes Sayre June 1, 1952.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has completed a full field investigation on Mr. Sears. Based on my personal examination of the results of this investigation, I have given him security clearance.

This appointment would be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 (d) of the United Nations Participation Act, as amended, and for your information there is attached a biographical sketch of the nominee. Mr. Sears would receive compensation at the rate of \$17,500 per annum.

Letters to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and to the appropriate Senators, have been prepared and will be forwarded upon submission of the nomination to the Senate.

Walter B. Smith

Acting Secretary

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Enclosures:

- 1. Nomination.
- 2. Biographical sketch.

CROSS CARD FOR STAFF SECRETARY.

Sent to Senate 6/1/53

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

UNDER SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

May 28, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR the Honorable Charles F. Willis, Jr.,
Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President

Subject: Nomination of Mason Sears as United States Representative
on the United Nations Trusteeship Council

Attached for Governor Adams' approval is the memo to the President, signed by General Smith, transmitting the nomination of Mr. Sears as U.S. Representative on the UN Trusteeship Council.

The following clearances have been obtained:

Security

A full field investigation has been completed on Mr. Sears. The FBI report was reviewed personally by General Smith and Mr. Sears was given security clearance.

Congressional

This appointment has been approved by Senator Saltonstall. This includes the entire Massachusetts Delegation.

Republican National Committee

The Republican National Committee has approved this appointment. This clearance includes approval of the Massachusetts State Committee.

Senate Leadership

This appointment has not been cleared with the Senate leadership. Since Governor Adams' Office requested that the papers be sent to the White House immediately, there was not sufficient time to secure this clearance.

V.P.
Victor Purse
Special Assistant

Press Release
Attached -

MASON SEARS - Mr. Sears is 53 and lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, with his wife, Zilla MacDougall Sears, and their two children.

After graduating from Harvard he joined the State Department during the incumbency of Charles Evans Hughes. He was later transferred to the American Legation in Peking, where he served as private secretary to two of our American envoys to China.

In 1926 he returned home and became one of the pioneers in the early development of aviation in New England. After reorganizing the Boston Airport Corporation, he became its general manager and instituted one of the first scheduled, over water airlines in the country - the run between Boston and Nantucket. Later he was employed as manager of the Boston Division of the Curtiss-Wright Flying Service. He also organized the New England Autogiro Sales Company of which he was President. These machines were the forerunners of the present helicopters.

Mr. Sears is a veteran of both Army and Navy, and both World Wars. In World War II he served five years in the Navy, first with the Third Fleet at Guadalcanal and Bougainville, and then in the Navy Department where he was on duty with the General Inspector of the Supply Corps and also the Naval Inspector General. While there he was promoted to Captain, U.S.N.R., and became the senior assistant to the Inspector General. He inspected Naval installations throughout the United States, and was officially commended for his performance of duty.

Shortly after the war he was appointed a consultant to the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, with which he is still connected. A few years ago he served as a consultant to the Hoover Commission in connection with the Task Force studying unification of the Armed Services.

Mr. Sears has been elected and reelected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He also served for three terms in the Massachusetts Senate, where he sponsored a successful two hundred million dollar veterans housing act, the largest project of its kind in the country. In 1948 he was elected chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee. During his chairmanship he reshaped the party machinery and successfully engineered the passage of a highly controversial bill which eliminated for all time the further injection of a particular religious issue which had been dividing the electorate for a number of years. Finally he has been a delegate to the last two Republican National Conventions.